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## POLICY BRANCH INFORMATION

## **Satellite Space Applications Accepted for Filing**

The applications listed below have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing. The Commission reserves the right to return any of the applications if, upon further examination, it is determined the application is not in conformance with the Commission's rules or its policies. Consideration of each satellite application in this Public Notice may depend on the Commission's action on another satellite application earlier in the queue. Petitions, oppositions and other pleadings filed in response to this notice should conform to Section 25.154 of the Commission's rules, unless otherwise noted. 47 C.F.R. § 25.154.

SAT-LOA-20050311-00061 E S2666

AfriSpace, Inc.

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Launch and Operating Authority

AfriSpace, Inc. has filed an application to launch and operate the AfriStar-2 satellite and to co-locate it at 21° E.L. with its AfriStar-1 satellite. The AfriStar-2 satellite will operate in the 7025-7075 MHz and 1452-1492 MHz frequency bands. AfriSpace proposes to launch the satellite in 2006.

Afrispace filed the application as a satellite replacement application. Afrispace included a request for waiver of the Commission's bond and milestone requirements in the event the Commission determined that this application was not a replacement application. The initial file number, SAT-RPL-20050311-00061, has been changed to File No. SAT-LOA-20050311-00061. This change in designation (from RPL to LOA) is without prejudice to the determination of its replacement status or waiver request. In addition to the bond and milestone waiver, Afrispace requests a waiver of Section 25.210(c) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 25.210(c), regarding attenuator values and a waiver of the "same coverage area" portion of the FCC's definition of "replacement satellite" in Section 25.165(e)(1) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 25.165(e)(1), to the extent necessary.

Please note: All correspondence regarding this application should reference File No. SAT-LOA-20050311-00061.

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